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Examiner: T. X. M. Chung

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension of term, attached hereto, thereby extending the term for response to and including February 8, 2006. In response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2005, consideration of the remarks provided, and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

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